

ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION 29

Everyone supports cancer research, but Proposition 29 is **FLAWED**.

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Prop. 29:

RAISES TAXES, BUT DOESN'T CLEAN UP SACRAMENTO'S WASTEFUL SPENDING OR HELP BALANCE OUR BUDGET

- California politicians need to live within their means. Instead, a career politician is promoting Prop. 29 to raise taxes by \$855 million a year to create another **NEW BUREAUCRACY AND SPECIAL INTEREST SPENDING COMMISSION** we can't afford.
- We have a \$10+ billion deficit and voters are being threatened with cuts to schools or higher taxes. **WE CAN'T FUND EXISTING PROGRAMS, YET PROP. 29 RAISES TAXES TO CREATE A WHOLE NEW GOVERNMENT SPENDING PROGRAM.** That doesn't make sense.

ALLOWS CALIFORNIA TAX DOLLARS TO BE SPENT OUTSIDE OF CALIFORNIA

- Raises nearly \$1 billion in new taxes, but allows tax dollars to be spent outside California, even outside the country (Section 30130.53(d)).
- If we're going to **RAISE TAXES ON CALIFORNIANS, IT SHOULD BE SPENT IN CALIFORNIA** to help create jobs.

NEW BUREAUCRACY, MORE POLITICAL APPOINTEES = MORE WASTE

- The Commission, with 6 political appointees, can spend an estimated \$16 million on staff salaries and overhead annually, and saddle taxpayers with more pension and healthcare obligations (Section 30130.53(d)(5)).
- Prop. 29 allows spending \$117 million annually on buildings and equipment but doesn't require money to be spent with California universities/hospitals – tax money can be given to huge for-profit corporations (Section 30130.53(d)(2)).
- Like High Speed Rail and other Commissions, this **BUREAUCRACY GOES ON AND ON.** Prop. 29 **EXEMPTS** the CEO from hiring/salary requirements (Section 30130.54(d)(2)) so the CEO can be paid hundreds of thousands a year and has the power to hire a huge staff.

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DUPLICATES EXISTING PROGRAMS

- Each year, the federal government spends \$6 billion on cancer research and California spends \$70 million on tobacco control programs. Prop. 29 duplicates these existing programs.

NO ACCOUNTABILITY

- Prop. 29 requires a so-called "annual report," but it's WRITTEN BY THE COMMISSION ITSELF and doesn't require grant money to produce results (Section 30130.54(i)).
- In fact, not even the Governor, Legislature or State Auditor has authority to make changes to the initiative for 15 years, even in the case of fraud or waste (Section 6(b)). THAT'S NOT ACCOUNTABILITY!

NOTHING FOR CANCER TREATMENT

- Supporters claim it will help save billions in healthcare costs, but the measure provides NO NEW FUNDING FOR TREATING CANCER PATIENTS (Section 30130.53).

CIRCUMVENTS VOTER-APPROVED INITIATIVE, HURTS SCHOOLS

- A California voter-approved Constitutional amendment requires that any new taxes help pay for education, but Prop. 29 exempts itself from this requirement, shortchanging our schools by \$300+ million per year (Section 30130.50(c)).
- We shouldn't let a career politician use a loophole to thwart voter-approved initiatives.

"Cancer research is important, but if we're going to spend \$855 million a year, we need to have strict controls and make sure our tax dollars are spent in California. Prop. 29 is flawed and deserves a "no" vote."

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